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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following Preliminary
Amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1.

Please amend claims 2-7, 9, and 11 as follows:

2. (Amended) The device of claim 5, wherein the filter is polycarbonate.
3. (Amended) The device of claim 5, wherein the absorbent filter is a polyvinyl
acetal foam.
4. (Amended) The device of claim 5, wherein the absorbent filter is 100% cotton
fiber.

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